Urban Violence Laboratory
Research Seminar (Fall) + Advanced Architectural Design Studio (Winter/Spring)
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Creative Practice

Architectural and Urban Design
Art and Fashion
Research
Activism
Fundraising
Community Organizing
Stakeholder Outreach
Social Research via Engagement

US + Mexico

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What is Urban Violence to you?
Research via Drawing and Engagement

- Collage or Mixed Media Experimental
- Advanced Mapping
- Historic/Cultural Drawing(s)
- Urban Analysis
- Site Selection
- Site Analysis
- Community/User Engagement

As we craft your thesis, we tell a compelling story…
What are some possible responses to UV?
Students develop project themes responding to an Urban Violence issue in Portland, Oregon. Local site, research, and community group.
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Drawing as research.

Data Visualization

How to inform and motivate?
What will the new UVL propose?

How can Social Justice be manifested by systems of Architectural and Urban Design?

How does your identity bring power to the issue?

How can you help your community or a community indeed?

How can your thesis help already established movements of Social Justice in Portland?

What are the current and necessary topics we should cover in 2023 - 2024?

Although these are individual student topics, this is Laboratory; we are a team of collaborators. We will also be working closely with Will’s Sustainability studio.